

REMARKS


Applicants respectfully request that the foregoing amendments be made after allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312. By this Amendment, claim 40 is added. This amendment was made to capture the subject matter of previously withdrawn claim 13. Applicants agreed to cancel claim 13 during the telephonic interview of February 11, 2008, during which amendments were made to place the application in condition for allowance. Upon closer scrutiny of the claims, Applicants realized that the claim covering cross-linked polymers had been inadvertently cancelled. Related subject matter is also covered by method claims 30 and 31. Applicant respectfully submits that no further search or examination is required because the changes further narrow the allowed polymer claims and are consistent with the method claims. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully requests entry of this Amendment.

Applicant requests that the Examiner call the undersigned, Greg Lefkowitz (direct line: 561-671-3624), if clarification is needed, or if a telephone interview would expedite the entry of this amendment. Prompt issuance of the patent is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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